

Science Panel Appointments Agenda Item #01B

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Proposed Action: Decisions

Overview:

- Three of the Science Panel members' terms will be up on November 10, 2010 (Stark, Wellman, and Quinn)
- The Leadership Council approved adding an additional position to the Panel last year bringing the total number to 11
- Joel Baker has resigned from his Science Panel position one-year shy of his term ending to become Executive Director of the Puget Sound Institute
- Adding a non-voting Ex Officio position to the Panel for the Executive Director of the Puget Sound Institute would aid in the coordination of efforts and the Science Panel's advising of the Institute
- The Washington State Academy of Science reviewed the applicants for scientific viability
- A subcommittee appointed by Chair Kongsgaard evaluated the seven applicants and are providing recommendations to the Council through this memorandum
- The Leadership Council is scheduled to make appointment decisions at its November 19, 2010, meeting

Process:

- Nomination packets were distributed on September 20, 2010
- The nomination deadline was close of business on October 18, a total of seven applications were received (three from current members and four new applications)
- On October 19 the four new application packets were provided to the Washington State Academy of Sciences (WSAS) for evaluation. Application materials from the three Panel members seeking reappointment did not go through the WSAS review
- The WSAS provided the Partnership with its evaluation on October 28
- The subcommittee, consisting of Leadership Council Chair Martha Kongsgaard, Leadership Council member Dan O'Neal, current WSAS chair Jim Cook, past WSAS chair Gordon Orians, Long Live the Kings Director Jacques White, Puget Sound Institute Director Joel Baker, and Partnership Science Program Director Ken Currens met on Friday, October 23, to review and evaluate the candidates and develop recommendations for the Council to consider at its November 19 meeting,

The Subcommittee Recommends the Leadership Council:

- Reappoint John Stark, Katharine Wellman, and Timothy Quinn to another four-year term on the Panel,
- Appoint nominee Dr. Wayne Landis to fill the new position,
- Leave the position vacated by Joel Baker open until next year when his term naturally ends and solicit nominations to fill areas of expertise not currently on the Panel,
- Create a non-voting Ex Officio position on the Panel for the Director of the new Puget Sound Institution to better coordinate efforts,
- Ask the Partnership to look at how to organize and increase involvement of social science to meet the needs of the Partnership.